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## England To France Tunnel To Be Dug

The long talked of tunnel between England and France, under the English channel, is soon to be dug, according to cable reports. The engineering work is to be done by Germans as part of the reparations due France.

### \*\*\*\*\* \* LOMITA NOTES \* \*\*\*\*\*

Carl Sandstone is recuperating in the Methodist hospital after having had an eye removed last Friday.

Mrs. Kenneth Peightal returned this week from Lodi, where she was called by the death of a nephew.

Mrs. Charles Trotman has returned from an enjoyable visit with friends in San Diego.

Edgar Edmonson, of San Bernardino, is the guest of the E. W. Smith family on Miller street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Early, of Los Angeles, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wheaton, of Redondo Boulevard.

F. O. Roberts, dairyman, of Cypress street, has extended his milk route into Torrance. He has the same route that Roy Reiff had a few months ago.

Mrs. Helen Eldridge, of Berkeley, and mother, Mrs. Eva Blanchard, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blanchard, of Los Angeles, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Terry, of Weston street.

Mrs. Lillian Eaton and daughter, Vivian, of South Haven, Michigan, Mrs. T. L. Foley, daughter, Alice, and Miss Elsie Dean, of Vista Highlands, were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilcox.

Miss Nan Dick and Miss Mary Cullen, of Des Moines, Iowa, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. McDougall, of Narbonne avenue. Mrs. McDougall accompanied them on a trip to Catalina Island Monday.

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## WHY THE WRIGHT LAW IS NEEDED

From Address by Senator M. B. Harris.

It is said that California is the bootleggers' paradise. This comes about for various reasons. First, the topography of the state, with its 1200 miles of seaboard and opportunities for smuggling; second, the fact that we border Mexico, a wet country; third, our system of highways, filled always with automobiles, which are the favorite vehicles of the bootlegger; fourth, our vast expanse of desert, mountain and sparsely settled country which afford ideal hiding places for this sort of criminals.

Another obstacle is the attitude of some prominent citizens of California. For instance, one member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, when his attention was called to the decision of the Supreme court that the Eighteenth Amendment "binds all legislative bodies, courts, public officials and individuals" within the United States, answered, "What's that to do with us? This is San Francisco."

Another illustration is the statement of a San Francisco member of the legislature at the last session. He said, "Everybody in San Francisco violates the Eighteenth Amendment and rejoices in doing it." I noticed that this statement was received with great applause by the assembled camels present. Another prominent San Francisco citizen, when asked to join in the movement to enforce the Constitution of the United States, said, "The Federal Government has put this thing over on us, now let it enforce it if it can."

Such attitude as this becomes a part of the atmosphere of the State and constitutes an invitation to would-be criminals to go into the business of law violation.

Another obstacle is the constant reiteration of the false statement that the people did not want this law, but that it was "put over" while the boys were away at the war.

All the evidence as contrasted with mere unsupported statements on this subject, with a single exception, shows that this is the contrary of the truth. California is the one exception. In the State of Michigan, for instance, in 1916, before the boys went to France, a bone-dry constitutional amendment carried by a majority of from 64,000 to 70,000. The boys had their experience in a dry Michigan. Then they went across and had their experience with a wet France. In 1919 after they came back, the same element that has been raising this cry submitted a wine and beer amendment. It was defeated with the boys at home and voting by 207,000 majority. Ohio, in November, 1918, with the boys gone, went dry by about 25,000. When the boys got back the same element submitted a wine and beer amendment, and it was defeated by 29,000, and the following year an enforcement act carried by 290,000. In Missouri, in 1918, with the boys gone to France, prohibition lost by 72,000. In 1919, with the boys back, it carried by 61,000. New Jersey, when the boys were gone, refused to ratify the constitutional amendment or to pass an enforcement law, and did pass a 2.75 per cent beer law, which the supreme court afterwards declared unconstitutional. The first legislature elected after the boys got back was dry. It passed a drastic enforcement law and the other day ratified the Eighteenth Amendment. Nevertheless in the face of all this evidence the statements are still made that the Eighteenth Amendment was put across by the slackers at home to cheat the boys who went abroad of their rights. The statement simply is not true.

The main reason why the Federal law is not adequate in California is because it was never intended to be adequate in California or anywhere else. The law of Congress is based upon the theory that the States will help, as forty-four of them are doing, California has refused. So we have allotted to us only thirty-six Federal policemen, or enforcement officers, which is our share. It takes about ten of these to do the clerical work which leaves twenty-six to do the actual police work. Divide these according to area and there would be one for Fresno county. Applied to this region, that would mean one Federal policeman for the district composed of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Marin and San Mateo counties. Or dividing it by population it would mean about three Federal policemen to enforce the law in San Francisco. It is no wonder that we have incomplete and inefficient Federal enforcement; no other law could be enforced in San Francisco, either, if it only had three officers to enforce it.

We are doing better in some parts of the State because local enforcement acts have been passed. Fresno for instance, has a city Enforcement Act, which is well enforced, all things considered, as any other law; incidentally, for the benefit of those who think it is important, it may be mentioned that this law has added to the revenues of the city \$100 a day in fines, besides the satisfaction of seeing some of these bootleggers go to jail.

The whole question, and it might as well be plainly stated here, is whether enough votes can be found in California outside of San Francisco to overcome San Francisco. Last year the rest of California voted for the enforcement act, but the vote against it in San Francisco was so great as to overcome the entire majority and provide a 65,000 majority the other way. We must once more trust to the rest of the State to overcome whatever hostile majority San Francisco may cast. We must arouse the people of the State to realize that they are Americans first and lovers of their personal liberties and privileges next.

The Wright act is simply a law against bootleggers. If it does not pass, California will have again issued an invitation to the bootleggers of the United States and the criminals of California to take this State as a favorite scene of their law violations.

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